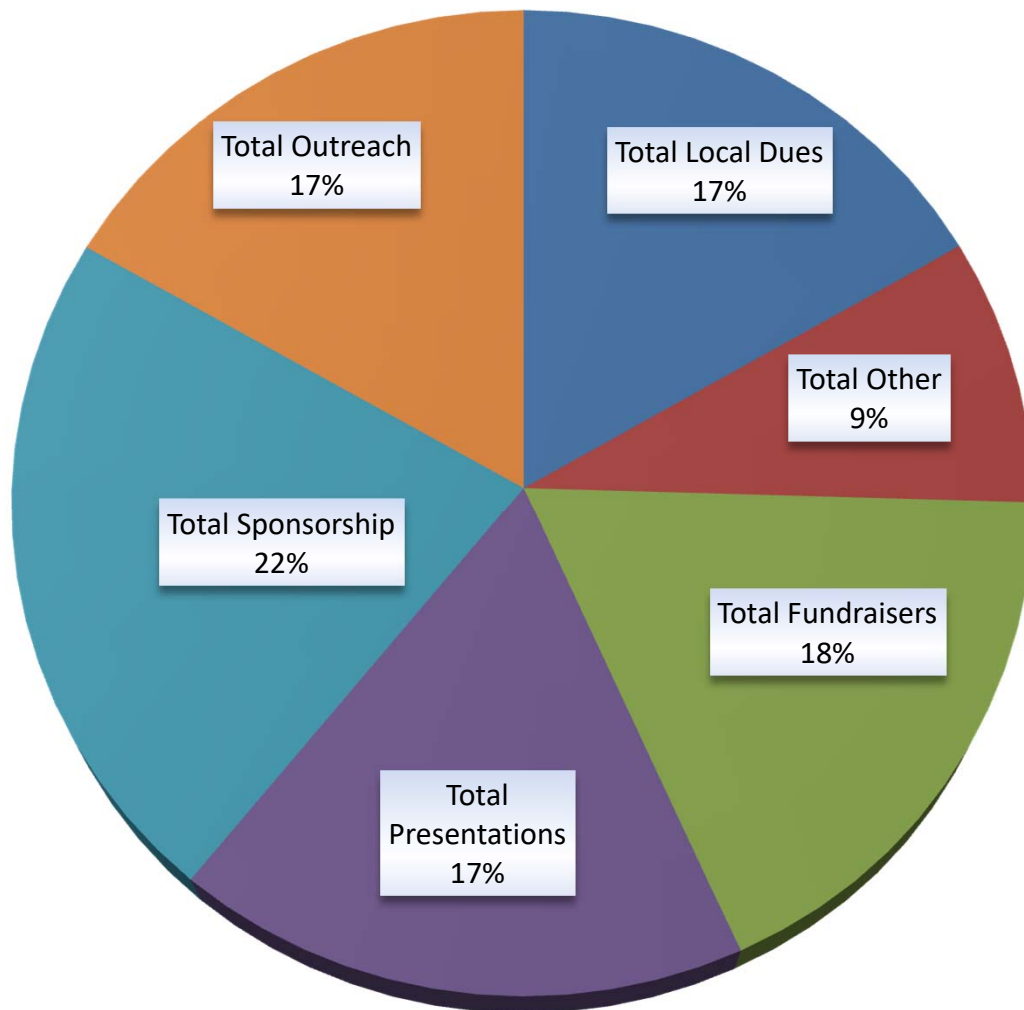


**Please consider supporting our chapter's mission to
advance the practice of architecture in our area.**

**Our Chapter Relies on Sponsors like you to sustain our
enjoyable programs and events.**

TOTAL SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT 22.3%



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Local Allied Membership

We are seeking individuals who are employed outside of architectural practice but are involved in positions allied to the field or architecture for Allied Membership in the AIA Eastern Illinois Chapter. This membership opportunity is open to engineers, planners, landscape architects, educators, manufacturers, contractors, and other fields allied to architecture.

Become an Allied Member today and align yourself today with AIA Eastern Illinois in a joint effort to support the building industry. Our chapter includes Architect Members from an area encompassing the counties of Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, LaSalle, Livingston, Will, and a portion of southern Cook County.

BASIC ANNUAL ALOCAL ALLIED MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS: \$400/year

- Use the phrase “Allied Member of AIA Eastern Illinois”
- Logo with hyperlink to your company website on www.aiaaic.org
- Business Card ad in Eastwords newsletter published 9 times a year
- Discounted entry fees to AIA Eastern Illinois Chapter events
- Receive AIA Eastern Illinois Chapter communications

We welcome your support and will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact **Edvin Mertdogan**, AIA at emertdogan@yahoo.com or 708-307-9420.



WHY JOIN?

Exposure: Each year, AIA Eastern Illinois produces a calendar of educational programs and networking events which offer unique opportunities to promote your business directly to the local architectural community.

Positioning: Demonstrate your leadership in the areas that matter to your business and position your company as a thought-leader and source of trusted information. There is no better opportunity to differentiate your firm from your competition to the people who can make a difference in your success.

Relationship-Building: Being an Allied Member is a cost-effective way to gain access to AIA Eastern Illinois members and help develop the key relationships needed for your company to maximize its potential in our ever-more competitive industry.

Advancement: Your sponsorship assists AIA Eastern Illinois in its continuing mission to support the advancement of the architecture profession through advocacy, education, and celebration.

Sponsorship Opportunities

In order to help support the mission of the Eastern Illinois Chapter to advance the practice of architecture in our part of Illinois, we offer groups and individuals the ability to advertise and sponsor the events we host during the year. The following is a summary of the types of sponsorships we solicit. If you are interested in sponsoring an event, please contact admin@aiaaic.org (Edvin Mertdogan) or EMertdogan@yahoo.com

Sponsorships can be purchased directly through the online Catalog. See the available links in the Catalog Tab above (Upper Right Corner). <https://aiaaic.org/catalog.php>

Allied Membership (Local Chapter) - See additional description in the marketing PDF

We offer Allied Memberships (Local Chapter) to anyone within the building design and construction industry who would like to join our chapter and to participate in our activities. This includes non-architectural professionals, including engineers, landscape architects, artists, and other professionals in education, government, industry, journalism, etc. Those employed by firms in the construction industry engaged in research, design, development, testing, manufacture, distribution, or training for building and construction products or systems. Representatives of an affiliated or collaborating organization may attend regular Meetings of the Chapter, and may speak at such Meetings on invitation. The annual cost of Affiliate Membership ONLY is \$400 which includes discounted event rates and advertising.

The combined value package for Local Allied Membership and one year of advertising is discounted to \$400. (Affiliate Membership + Discounted Advertising).

****This is NOT the National AIA Allied Membership- that is a local affiliation****

Advertising (1-year of business card & company logo ads)

We also offer advertising space in our monthly newsletter, Eastwords, which is distributed to our entire membership and to others throughout the state. This includes additional social media advertising. The cost for advertising ONLY is \$300 annually.

A combined value package of Affiliate Membership and one year of advertising available for a discounted \$400. (Affiliate Membership + Discounted Advertising). This is the best value option.

Monthly Meetings-In Person (Typically Last Wednesday's of each month U.N.O.)

The chapter holds a monthly meeting typically on the last Wednesday of the month (Unless Noted Otherwise). The meeting starts with an hour of networking and cocktails. We then have dinner followed by a continuing education presentation. We typically ask for a meeting sponsorship (listed below) to help defray the costs of the students & guest dinners. (Consider it a "Lunch 'n Learn" for 25-30 attendees) - Check Registration Ticket for pricing. Currently \$400.

+2 Months of free advertising is included in with sponsoring a meeting.

+1 Complimentary Dinner w/ Drinks.

Annual Golf Outing - Springtime (May).

Every Spring-thaw our Chapter hosts a golf outing event at a local prestigious Golf Course (Location subject to change- check the meeting details page). The event is held to raise funds for our annual scholarships for students studying to become the next generation of architects.

PAR	Advertiser	\$50.00
BIRDIE	Hole Sponsor	\$150.00
EAGLE	Dinner Sponsor	\$250.00
HOLE-IN-ONE	Prize Awards Sponsor	\$350.00
DOUBLE EAGLE	Prize Awards Sponsor	\$500.00

All sponsors will be recognized in our Eastwards Newsletter and tournament program, and at the dinner event. Hole Sponsors will have company's name/logo displayed at a tee box on course.

Annual Dinner - Early December

At the end of the year, our chapter hosts an annual holiday dinner and celebration to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of our members. In every other year, we use this event to give out our design awards. We offer a number of different sponsorship levels for the event. See the available sponsorship catalog.

- \$500.00 Annual Meeting 1 PLATINUM Sponsor
- \$350.00 Annual Meeting 2 GOLD Sponsor
- \$250.00 Annual Meeting 3 SILVER Sponsor
- \$150.00 Annual Meeting 4 BRONZE Sponsor



History

The American Institute of Architects

On February 23, 1857, thirteen architects met in Richard Upjohn's office to form what would become the American Institute of Architects. The group sought to create an architecture organization that would "promote the scientific and practical perfection of its members" and "elevate the standing of the profession."

The founding members decided to invite sixteen other architects to the second meeting on March 10, 1857. These forward-thinking individuals agreed on a draft constitution and bylaws.

From a small group of professionals sharing a meal, the Institute has grown to a robust, focused, organization providing guidance, service, and standards to architects around the world. The AIA continues to strive for quality, consistency, and safety in the built environment and to serve as the voice of the architecture profession.

AIA Eastern Illinois Chapter

In 1978 a group of local Architects decided a new chapter in Illinois would better serve the needs of Architects whose practices were south of the Chicago city limits. The new chapter boundaries were laid out to include: South Cook (outside the Chicago city limits), Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, LaSalle, Livingston and Will Counties.

Benefits

Membership in the Eastern Illinois Chapter of the AIA offers numerous benefits including:

An active forum for interchange of ideas with fellow professionals, extending your awareness of the local architectural community.

An opportunity for growth, community, service, and professional camaraderie.

The means to assist your profession in growth and development.

Programs

In order to encourage professional and personal growth in the industry and our community we offer the following programs:

Monthly dinner meetings with guest speakers provide a forum for social and professional development.

Biennial distinguished building awards program.

Special events and programs including: annual golf outing; special tours; and combined meetings with other professional organizations.

Committees

We provide active service in the following professional committees to serve our members:

- Professional Development
- Historic Preservation
- Scholarship
- Membership
- Distinguished Building Awards
- Public Outreach

Services

You, as well as your Chapter, benefit from active service on one or more of its professional committees:

- "Eastwords" Monthly Newsletter
- Historic Structures Library
- Firm Directory
- Representation at AIA Illinois Council

Local vs. State vs. National

Local

Local components create opportunities for members to connect with each other, share experiences, and celebrate the great work happening in the community. They sponsor a wide range of activities, including educational programs, awards programs, and community awareness campaigns.

State

State components advocate for the profession before state legislatures and regulatory agencies. Their efforts ensure that architects' interests are represented and heard on important issues affecting the profession and the built environment. State conferences and meetings provide opportunities that assist AIA members to expand relationships in the profession.

National

The national AIA component provides tools and resources to help members build careers or practice while also uniting local and state members in the common causes of advocacy, community, and knowledge. National member groups provide additional networking, education, and service opportunities.

Classifications of our Members

ARCHITECT

Individuals with an architectural license from a U.S. licensing authority.

ASSOCIATE

Individuals who meet one of the following criteria: professional degree in architecture; currently work under the supervision of an architect; currently enrolled in the Intern Development Program and working toward licensure; or faculty member in a university program in architecture.

ALLIED (either of the following)

Non architectural professionals, including engineers, landscape architects, artists, and other professionals in education, government, industry, journalism, etc.

Those employed by firms in the construction industry engaged in research, design, development, testing, manufacture, distribution, or training for building and construction products or systems.

EMERITUS

Architect or associate members in good standing for at least 15 successive years who meet certain age and/or retirement criteria, who may continue using the designation they had prior to approval of their application for emeritus status.

STUDENT

Under graduate or post graduate student enrolled in a school of architecture, and resides within the AIA/EIC chapter boundaries.

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TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CHAPTER, INCLUDING:

- BECOMING A MEMBER
- CALENDAR OF EVENTS
- NEWSLETTERS
- BUILDING AWARDS PROGRAM
- FIND A LOCAL ARCHITECT
- WEB RESOURCES
- SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
- FIND US ON FACEBOOK

VISIT US AT: <https://aiaeic.org/>

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

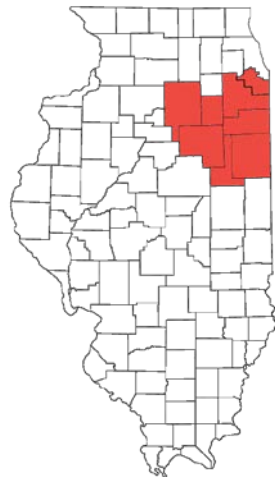
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